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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1895.

Without sentiment there would be no flavor in life at all.—Thackeray.

No Slaughter-House!

The proposed abattoir at Tenth and Byrd must not be built. The meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon emphasized the objections and gave definite form to the widespread opposition to erecting a nuisance in the heart of our city.

Here is the committee who most first pass upon this question of having an abattoir on Tenth and Byrd: then the question goes to the Council.

W. T. Deberry, Jacob Umphrey, H. H. Elliott, Hundson Cary, J. H. Gruber, James E. Conner, James A. Motter, C. P. Davis, C. D. Loring, W. D. White, John J. Lynch.

In favor of the abattoir are W. S. Forbes and Company, who desire to earn more money; the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, which desires more freight; and some members of the Council who desire to see more business in Richmond. All of these motives are intelligible and proper, and should be given effect if larger and more interests are not to be jeopardized.

For years Messrs. W. S. Forbes and Company operated an abattoir in Henrico county, which was an insatiable, gorging and uncontrollable nuisance. When Richmond was struggling to break its restricting bonds, this abattoir stood in the way, and it was successfully urged that to make an abattoir in the city was against public policy, against the law and contrary to common sense and expediency.

But the overwhelming preponderance of experience and actual operation shows that slaughter-houses are horribly offensive, and it has never been shown that when the trains were unloaded the effects of reeking swine would not sicken the whole city. This fact is well and generally known that we did not deem necessary to state it, but it does not alter the further fact that the State Board of Agriculture is maintained at the public expense. That board, explains our contemporary, is maintained largely, if not altogether, by fees and taxes collected on fertilizers, all of which is well and generally known, and ultimately paid by the farmers, and by them alone.

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hurried to jail, it being feared that an attempt would be made to lynch him."

Guess what town that special halls from Atlanta? Guess again. Scooba? Guess again—but you'll never guess. It comes from that dear Pittsburgh, Pa. The news problem is no longer a purely Southern affair.

The South and the Presidency.

The Florida Times-Union suggests and the Richmond Times-Dispatch approves the nomination of Senator John W. Daniel by the Democrats for the presidency. The Times-Union says his character is unassailed and unassailable, and that he represents all that is best in the South and in the nation, and while he belongs to that wing which dictated the nomination in 1888 and 1892, he was never an extremist, and Democrats of all shades of opinion have confidence in him. The Times-Dispatch says that although he has lost nothing of his love for the Confederacy, there is no man in the South less tainted with sectional prejudices or more catholic, liberal and broad-minded than John W. Daniel.

There is no doubt that the suggestion of Mr. Daniel would meet with a responsive chord in the hearts of Democrats all over the country. The war is far enough in the past, and the North and the South understand each other sufficiently well now, to prevent the fact that he served in the Confederate army from infusing his chancery. As a Senator he has always been above suspicion, and his record is like an open book. The News knows of no other man in the South who has better qualifications for the presidency than Mr. Daniel.—Wheeler (W. Va.) News.

These beautiful tributes to Senator Daniel from Southern newspapers are gratifying to the friends and admirers of the Senator in Virginia. But the important question is, Do the Democrats of the South intend or desire to bring out a Southern man for the nomination in 1897? There is but one practical way to determine that question, and that is by holding a conference.

Why should not such a conference be held in Richmond or some other Southern city? We have suggested Richmond because the Jamestown celebration will be held in Virginia next year, and it would be most appropriate and agreeable, too, we imagine, for the delegates to meet in Richmond for that occasion.

The Times-Dispatch would be pleased to hear from its Democratic contemporaries throughout the South. Is there any good reason why the conference should not be held? Are there not many good reasons why it should be held?

A sensible article from the News-Leader on the same subject will be found in another column, and it is earnestly commended to the attention of Southern newspapers and Southern Democrats.

The Board of Agriculture.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot says that seven members of the City Council voted for a \$2,000 license on saloons, not from honest convictions, but because they knew the Mayor would veto the ordinance, "and hence they thought to please the temperance sentiment and still not chance the whiskey regulations."

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That speech recalls and emphasizes an observation recently made in these columns that if New Yorkers whose women folks are annoyed by masher would give the dapper scoundrels a little of Southern discipline, such annoyances would be less frequent. The Times-Dispatch is no advocate of lawlessness, but in the code of chivalry it is no act of lawlessness for a gentleman to thrash a puppy for insulting a lady. When the puppies understand this, they are very careful how they bark.

As for the case of Mrs. Trautman, it was so brutal and infamous that we do not trust ourselves to discuss it, but dismiss it with the simple remark that her assailant is lucky that his offense was committed in New York, and not in Richmond.

The Tournament.

The Raleigh News and Observer pays its affectionate respects to the old-time tournament, which was formally so much in vogue in the Southern States. The Times-Dispatch gives a hearty amen to all that The News and Observer has said. The tournament was a source of amusement and entertainment to men and women, and it excited a wholesome influence. It encouraged good horsemanship, it encouraged a spirit of generous rivalry among young men, and it promoted the spirit of chivalry. Even the boys caught the spirit of it and their tournaments on stick horses and the endeavor of each to win the honor of crowning the "queen of love and beauty" was an incentive to chivalrous manhood. With the increase of commercialism in the South there has been a corresponding decline in old-time chivalry, and the old-time tournament has almost entirely passed away.

We wish it might return in all the merry glory, with a thorough revival of its chivalrous spirit.

Voting "for Buncombe."

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Hard to Believe.

Hilkiss is getting as you can't believe, a work he says any more." "Why not?" "I saw this morning and he told me he spent last evening in the Bijou—Chicago Tribune.

Prodigies, Indeed.

Over "Hilkiss" is a remarkable man." Miss Young is a prodigy," says Mrs. Ayers, "but she can't sing. She can't play the piano without making penitent marks on the desk just like Chicago Tribune.

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Colonel Thomas J. Nottingham of Norfolk, is registered at the Richmond.

Let the South Act.

Something must be done toward reorganizing the Democratic party between now and 1898. The most practical and direct movement we have seen suggested is that proposed by our local contemporaries. The Times-Dispatch, which is that a conference of Southern Democrats be called to meet here in Richmond at some time in the coming year.

The party as it stands has no leadership, no candidate in sight, no defined principles or platform. It is a party of no importance, of which Murphy's has the most influence.

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